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Dear Colleagues,

The Animal Care Committee (ACC) does not hold regular monthly meetings during July and August. Nonetheless, summer remains a busy time for research and the ACC. As such, we use an established process for managing **urgent** or **time-sensitive** amendments and new applications. As per [Policy RH8110](#), interim reviews are an exception and must be justified to the satisfaction of the Co-Chairs. An example of an amendment that may qualify for interim review is a request by a journal to complete additional experiments within a defined timeframe. An example of a new protocol that may qualify for interim review is a field study that involves a migratory species only accessible to researchers for part of the year.

If the application is accepted, the Co-Chairs will appoint an ad hoc subcommittee to conduct an interim review. All decisions must be ratified at the next full ACC meeting.

Submission Period	Decision by
June 28 – August 1	August 29
August 2 – August 29	Regular Process (decision after September ACC meeting)

Minor (welfare neutral) amendments will continue to be considered for expedited review by the Veterinary Director on a “first come-first served” basis throughout the summer. Questions about the expedited review process should be sent to the Veterinary Director ([acsvet@uvic.ca](mailto:acsvet@uvic.ca)).

This information will also be available on the Animal Ethics website for reference. Please contact [animalethics@uvic.ca](mailto:animalethics@uvic.ca) if you have any questions.

Best,

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